English Middle School for Girls at Chengannur.

52. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the site was acquired for constructing the necessary buildings for housing the English Middle School for Girls at Chengannur;

(*b*) the steps so far taken for raising the above school to a complete High School; and

(*c*) the number of girl students in Forms IV, V and VI of the English High School for Boys in Chengannur in 1115, 1116, 1117, 1118, 1119 and 1120 with full details of the same?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) Necessary steps have been taken for the acquisition of a suitable site.

(*b*) The matter is engaging the attention of Government.

(*c*) The information is furnished below:—

Year	*Form IV*	*Form V*	*Form VI*	*Total*
1115	48	35	29	112
1116	55	39	32	126
1117	28	45	34	107
1118	51	33	44	128
1119	101	42	46	189
1120	114	76	55	245

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: With regard to part (a) of the question may I know from Government the particulars of the steps so far taken for the acquisition of a suitable site for the building?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: The revenue authorities are choosing the site and they have been requested to give us the information. I have not got the information.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether any site has been selected by the Department of Public Instruction?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: A particular site has not definitely been selected.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know, how, in that case, the Revenue authorities can proceed with the acquisition?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: There are more than one site; we have not decided which of them should be selected. We have made enquiries to know which of them would be cheaper and satisfy the needs of the school.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the steps so far taken for raising the standard of the English Middle School for Girls into a High School?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: After the acquisition of the site the necessary demands will be made for the grants for the construction of the building and then we will proceed with the formation of the High School.

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MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI : May I know the number of sites that have been proposed for the construction of High School ?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI : That has been answered once. More than one site have been suggested.

Students in the School Final Classes.

53 *MR. K. A. MOHAMED (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of students in the School Final classes in all the schools of the State ;

(*b*) the number of students selected for the next public examination ;

(*c*) the proportion of these students studying in private schools and Government schools ; and

(*d*) whether there is any difference in the proportion of the students selected in these two sets of schools ?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI : (*a*) 7171.

(*b*) 5513.

(*c*) 71·7 per cent. private and 28·3 per cent. departmental.

(*d*) Yes.

MR. A. K. BHASKAR (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*) : In answer to part (c) of the question, the proportion of the students studying in private schools and government schools, the answer is 71.7 per cent private and 28.3 departmental. May I know the reason for this disparity ?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI : That is pretty obvious. The departmental schools are only 28 while the private schools number 103. So while the government schools have sent up 1368 students for the examination, the private schools have sent up four thousand and odd students. Hence the difference.

MR. A. K. BHASKAR : My question was with reference to the percentage of the students sent. What is the reason why there is such a disparity ?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI : I am afraid the honourable member is mistaking the statistics. The question is the proportion of these students studying in the various private schools. The answer is 71.7. What does the honourable member want ?

MR. A. K. BHASKAR : May I know from the honourable member whether promotions to headmasters of high chools are made on the strength of the number of students sent up for the examination ?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI : No.

PRESIDENT : I think there is some mistake. It is not that 71.7 out of 100 students in private schools are sent up for examination, while in the case of departmental school the percentage is 28.3 out of 100 of the strength of each school. The question is what is the proportion of private and departmental school children sent up for examination to the total number sent.

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